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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6937

BILL NUMBER: HB 1138

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 27, 2004

BILL AMENDED: Jan 26, 2004

SUBJECT: Superior Courts

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Stilwell

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: CR Adopted - 1st House

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

STATE IMPACT	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006
State Revenues			
State Expenditures		279,420	558,840
Net Increase (Decrease)		(279,420)	(558,840)

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) This bill has the following provisions:

A. It establishes a new superior court or an additional superior court in: (1) Perry County; (2) Howard County; (3) Hamilton County; (4) Dearborn County; (5) Vigo County; and (6) Montgomery County.

B. It abolishes the Montgomery county court.

(The introduced version of this bill was prepared by the Commission on Courts.)

Effective Date: July 1, 2004.

Explanation of State Expenditures: (Revised) The estimated annual costs for each new court are listed in the following table.

<u>Cost Item</u>	<u>Cost Based On:</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Salary	Specified in statute	\$90,000
Life Insurance	0.36% of Salary	\$324
Health, Dental, and Vision	Estimated by the State Budget Agency	\$8,291
Social Security	7.65% of salary	\$6,885
Disability Insurance	1.9% of salary estimated by State Budget Agency	\$1,710
Judges Retirement Fund	35% of Salary	\$31,500
Judicial Center	Includes materials and postage, but not possible staffing	\$1,000
Total Cost for New Court:		<u>\$139,710</u>

The following shows the added costs to the state General Fund by fiscal year through FY 2008:

	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>FY 2005</u>	<u>FY 2006</u>	<u>FY 2007</u>	<u>FY 2008</u>
Perry County	Jan. 1, 2005	\$69,855	\$139,710	\$139,710	\$139,710
Howard County	Jan. 1, 2005	\$69,855	\$139,710	\$139,710	\$139,710
Hamilton County	Jan. 1, 2007			\$69,855	\$139,710
Dearborn County	Jan. 1, 2005	\$69,855	\$139,710	\$139,710	\$139,710
Montgomery County	Jan. 1, 2005	No Fiscal Impact			
Vigo County	Jan. 1, 2005	\$69,855	\$139,710	\$139,710	\$139,710
Total		<u>\$279,420</u>	<u>\$558,840</u>	<u>\$628,695</u>	<u>\$698,550</u>

Note: There is no additional cost for Montgomery County because the Montgomery County Court will be replaced by the Montgomery Superior Court. The judges of either court receive the same salary from the state.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: (Revised) Several of these counties would likely need to hire more staff to assist the new court.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Office of State Court Administration, Indiana Judicial Conference.

Local Agencies Affected: Trial Courts in Perry County .

Information Sources: Indiana Code, State Budget Agency, Indiana Judicial Center.

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